

MONTANA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

April 2003

UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

Not seasonally adjusted

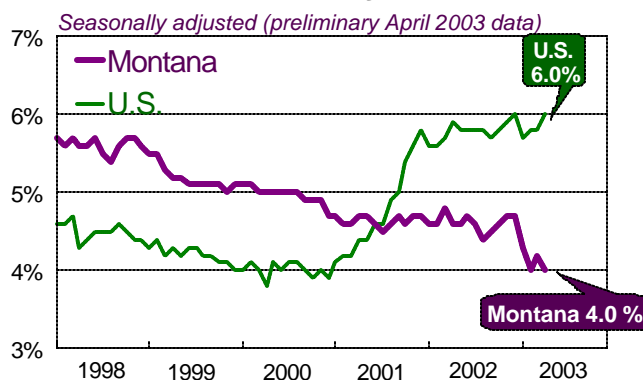
	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2003*
UNITED STATES	5.7%	5.8%
MONTANA	4.7%	4.0%
Cascade **	4.3%	3.4%
Missoula **	3.8%	3.4%
Yellowstone **	3.4%	2.6%
Beaverhead	3.5%	3.6%
Big Horn	14.5%	14.3%
Blaine	7.0%	4.9%
Broadwater	3.3%	3.6%
Carbon	4.4%	3.1%
Carter	2.1%	2.0%
Chouteau	3.0%	1.7%
Custer	3.0%	2.7%
Daniels	3.7%	2.7%
Dawson	2.6%	1.9%
Deer Lodge	6.0%	4.6%
Fallon	3.5%	2.2%
Fergus	4.5%	4.0%
Flathead	6.4%	5.3%
Gallatin	2.7%	2.6%
Garfield	2.7%	2.6%
Glacier	9.8%	10.1%
Golden Valley	4.6%	6.7%
Granite	9.6%	8.0%
Hill	3.7%	3.1%
Jefferson	4.1%	3.2%
Judith Basin	5.0%	4.2%
Lake	8.3%	6.2%
Lewis & Clark	3.9%	3.3%
Liberty	2.1%	2.8%
Lincoln	14.5%	16.3%
McCone	2.0%	3.2%
Madison	4.2%	4.2%
Meagher	7.1%	5.3%
Mineral	10.8%	8.4%
Musselshell	7.1%	6.0%
Park	4.7%	4.2%
Petroleum	4.1%	2.4%
Phillips	5.5%	4.0%
Pondera	4.3%	3.9%
Powder River	2.5%	3.0%
Powell	5.6%	5.6%
Prairie	3.8%	2.6%
Ravalli	4.6%	4.7%
Richland	6.2%	4.8%
Roosevelt	7.3%	5.5%
Rosebud	5.8%	5.6%
Sanders	10.4%	8.9%
Sheridan	3.8%	3.5%
Silver Bow	4.9%	4.2%
Stillwater	3.3%	2.2%
Sweet Grass	3.4%	2.9%
Teton	3.4%	2.9%
Toole	2.8%	3.0%
Treasure	3.6%	4.0%
Valley	3.7%	2.8%
Wheatland	6.7%	3.8%
Wibaux	4.7%	4.0%

*April 2003 rate preliminary

** Cascade=Great Falls MSA
Missoula=Missoula MSA
Yellowstone=Billings MSA

APRIL 2003 HIGHLIGHTS

Unemployment



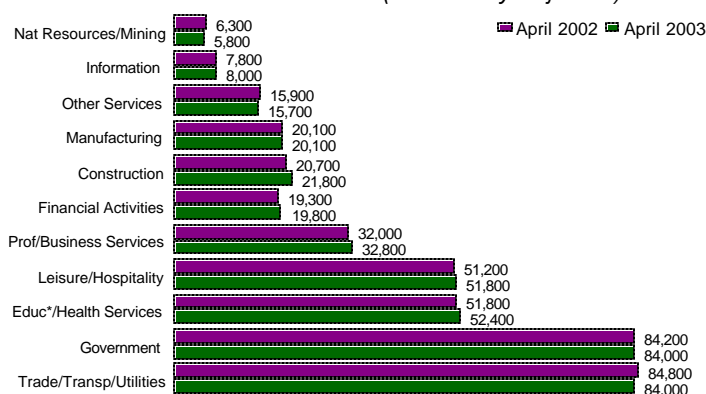
Montana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be lower than the U.S. rate. The state's April unemployment of 4.0 percent was 2.0 percentage points lower than the nation's.

Earnings

Average weekly earnings for Montana's private sector production workers were up 4.3 percent over the year in April, outpacing the 2.2 percent over-the-year increase in U.S. inflation.

Nonag Payroll Employment

Montana Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)



*Private educational services. (Public education is included in the government sector.)

Montana's seasonally-adjusted, nonagricultural payroll employment was up about 2,100 jobs (0.5 percentage points) over the year in April. The largest over-the-year gains were in construction, professional & business services, leisure & hospitality and private education & health services.

CENSUS 2000

Montana's population 65 years and over

Census 2000 information shows Prairie County has the highest percentage of residents age 65 and over, and Gallatin has the lowest.

County	2000 population	65 & over	65 & over
U.S.	281,421,906	34,991,753	12.4%
Montana	902,195	120,949	13.4%
Highest percentage 65 & older			
Prairie	1,199	289	24.1%
Sheridan	4,105	967	23.6%
Daniels	2,017	475	23.5%
Wibaux	1,068	230	21.5%
Fergus	11,893	2,364	19.9%
Lowest percentage 65 & older			
Gallatin	67,831	5,770	8.5%
Big Horn	12,671	1,089	8.6%
Rosebud	9,383	833	8.9%
Glacier	13,247	1,221	9.2%
Missoula	95,802	9,585	10.0%

For more information, visit the Montana Census and Economic Information Center website at <http://ceic.commerce.state.mt.us>.

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MONTANA'S HIGHEST & LOWEST PAYING OCCUPATIONS

	2000 Jobs	2010 Job Estimates	2001 Median Hourly Wage	Training Level Required*
10 Highest-Paying Occupations in Montana				
Family & General Practitioners	745	874	\$61.59	1
Internists, General	101	122	\$60.24	1
Pediatricians, General	32	38	\$58.16	1
Anesthesiologists	23	28	\$45.13	1
Real Estate Brokers	2,617	3,450	\$40.21	8
Chief Executives	1,689	1,978	\$36.80	4
Petroleum Engineers	39	45	\$36.18	5
Computer Hardware Engineers	123	197	\$34.21	5
Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Sales Agents	1,187	1,416	\$32.21	5
Air Traffic Controllers	73	76	\$32.00	9
10 Lowest-Paying Occupations in Montana				
Waiters & Waitresses	7,017	8,398	\$6.29	11
Dishwashers	2,557	2,409	\$6.29	11
Cooks, Fast Food	3,467	3,564	\$6.36	11
Dining Room & Cafeteria Attendants & Bartender Helpers	1,125	1,134	\$6.38	11
Manicurists & Pedicurists	70	84	\$6.52	7
Ushers, Lobby Attendants & Ticket Takers	242	302	\$6.53	11
Chefs & Head Cooks	467	529	\$6.55	7
Amusement & Recreation Attendants	789	1,160	\$6.56	11
Service Station Attendants	458	490	\$6.56	11
Food Batchmakers	66	64	\$6.64	11

* Training Level Required: 01 First professional degree, 02 Doctoral degree, 03 Master's degree, 04 Work experience plus degree, 05 Bachelor's degree, 06 Associate degree, 07 Postsecondary vocational training, 08 Work experience in a related occupation, 09 Long-term on-the-job training, 10 Moderate-term on-the-job training, 11 Short-term on-the-job training.

• Informational wage information just released by the Research and Analysis Bureau shows higher-paying occupations generally require more training than lower-paying occupations.

• To find out more about occupations—job opening estimates, wages and general training requirements—visit the Research and Analysis Bureau website at <http://rad.dli.state.us/>.